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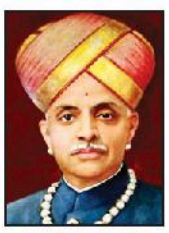
Nalwadi and Sir MV statues ready for inauguration at KRS

Srirangapatna, May 6 (VK& BCT)- Soon, visitors to Brindavan Gardens and the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, which draw thousands of tourists daily, will have the opportunity to admire life-size statues of Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the Dam's Chief Founder-Patron and Sir M. Visvesvaraya (Sir MV), the Dewan and the Chief Engineer responsible for the construction of the Reservoir in Mandya District.

These striking white marble statues, housed within two Mantapas, have been installed at the Southern Gate of the Dam.



Nalwadi

Sir MV

Currently covered in green shade-net, the statues await their official unveiling, which will take place once minor pending works are finalised in a month and following the conclusion of Lok Sabha polls and adherence to the Model Code of Conduct.

The initial estimated cost of the statues was Rs. 8.5 crore which has now escalated to Rs. 11.6 crore due to several factors, including tender premium, design modifications and other miscellaneous expenses.

Both statues measure 22x22 metres in length and 22.387x22.387 metres in width and they stand at a height of 9.4 feet atop 2-foot pedestals.

Model of K.R. Circle

Abu Farooq, Assistant Executive Engineer of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), informed *Star of Mysore* this morning that the statue works commenced on July 7, 2019. The tender for the project was awarded to H.S.R. Constructions. As a benchmark, the model of K.R. Circle, which houses the white marble statue of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in Mysuru, was utilised.

The Mantapas have been built with Doddaballapur stones and the statues are of white marble stone like the statues at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Chamaraja Wadiyar and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circles in Mysuru city.

(See STATUES on page 7)

Former Mysore Varsity VC

Prof. M. Madaiah passes away

The noted Economist was a close associate of former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh

Mysuru, May 6 (DM)- Former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore (UoM) Prof. M. Madaiah (88) passed away at a private hospital here on Sunday following brief illness. A native of Dugganahalli in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district, Prof. Madaiah was a resident of 15th Main in Saraswathipuram.

Prof. M. Madaiah

He leaves behind his wife Prof. Indumathi, former Vice-Chancellor of Davanagere University, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Prof. Madaiah, who was a faculty of Economics Department at UoM, had served as the Vice-Chancellor for two successive terms from 1991-1993 and from 1993-1997.

A noted economist of international fame, he was a close associate of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.

Dr. Madaiah was also instrumental in the construction of 'Gangothri Glades' at Manasagangothri which has now been renamed as SDNR Wadiyar Stadium.

Last rites will be performed in Mysuru on May 8 after his daughter arrives in city from USA, according to family sources.

SEX SCANDAL

SIT issues warning against people sharing videos; launches Helpline

Bengaluru, May 6 (Agencies)- The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has issued a stern warning against dissemination of videos related to sex scandal involving Hassan JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna, on social media.

The controversy, involving the circulation of over 2,900 pornographic videos in pen drives, has sparked nationwide concern for the safety and well-being of the victims and their families.

Bijay Kumar Singh, the Head of the SIT, stated that sharing such videos violates the Information Technology Act, specifically Section 67(a) and Sections 228A(1) and 292 of the Indian Penal Code. He further emphasised that legal action will be pursued against those found breaching these laws.

Victims can call 63609-38947 from 8 am to 8 pm

Additionally, the SIT noted that sharing videos through private messaging apps will also be detected and perpetrators will face consequences. They stressed that such actions not only violate the dignity and privacy of the victims but will also be dealt seriously.

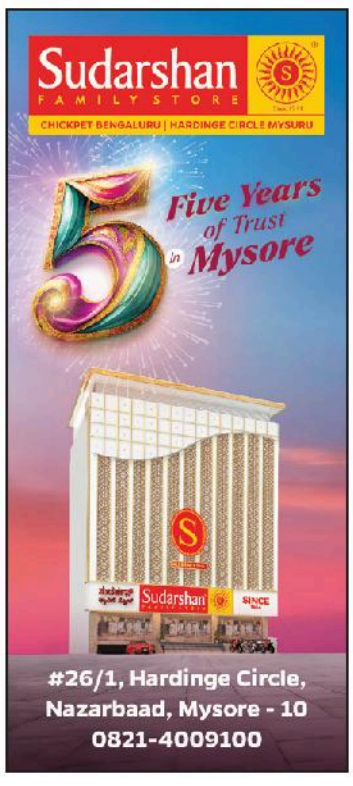
The SIT warning comes in the wake of people disseminating materials related to the case on social networking sites.

Moreover, the SIT instructed media outlets, individuals and organisations to refrain from disclosing the identity of any victim.

In a proactive move to support victims of sexual harassment, the SIT has launched a dedicated helpline offering legal counsel, protection and essential aid to women affected by the scandal.

The SIT has established a Helpline Number 63609-38947, operational from 8 am to 8 pm.

This helpline welcomes women seeking legal guidance, protection or any other form of assistance during the investigation process. Assuring callers of strict confidentiality, the SIT aims to encourage victims to come forward without fear of reprisal or exposure.



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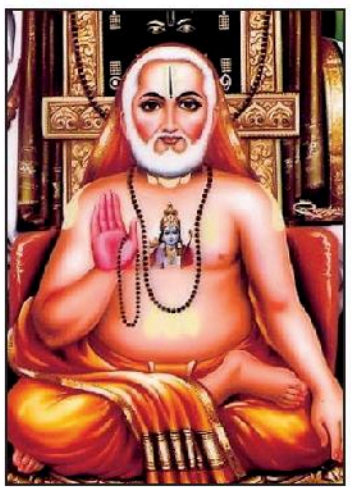
"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 6th May 2024

Mysuru artists to draw giant size rangoli of Raghavendra Swamy at Manthralaya



Mysuru, May 6 (GA&DM)-A team of Mysuru artists, in association with Omkar Samsthe, will be creating a world record of sorts by drawing a giant size rangoli of Guru Raghavendra Swamy, on a 20,000 sq.ft area, at the premises of Manthralaya's Raghavendra Mutt in Andhra Pradesh on May 8 at 6 pm.

Addressing a press meet here on Saturday, Mysuru artists team member Puneeth said that 9 members will draw the portrait of Raghavendra Swamy in a span of 12 hours on May 8.

More than 2,000 kgs of colourful rangoli powder will be used to create the portrait, he said adding that the authorities of Limca Book of Records and Asia Book of Records have been informed to send their representatives to document the feat.

Omkar Samsthe owner V. Abhilash, Rangoli artist C. Lakshmi, team members Puneeth Rayanna and Manjunath were present at the press meet. For details, contact Mob: 89702-32323.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

GITA - CODE FOR MAN'S LIFE: *The term "Go" refers to cows and also the earth. Mother Earth, taking the form of a cow, prayed to Lord Narayana that she could not withstand the world's burden. Sri Ananthapadmanabhachariar Swamy said in a discourse that under the pretext of relieving the earth of its burdens and making Himself available for ordinary people to take refuge in Him, He incarnated on the planet as Sri Krishna.*

Arjuna, the great warrior with a stubborn mind, got confused on the battlefield and asked Sri Krishna to clarify. God blessed him with 18 chapters of the Bhagavad Gita to remove his doubts and clear his mind.

The teachings in the Bhagavad Gita possess eternal value and are universal in their applicability. Its message continues to be fresh. The Gita is God's recipe to remove grief, guidelines for man's good conduct and Vedas, in essence, an eternal beacon for mankind. It stresses truth and righteousness, prescribes the charter of duties and emphasises that a man must not shirk his duties. It is a practical code for man's life and is counselling to create mental strength.

Lord Krishna emphasises devotion to Him, avoiding unwholesome emotions and being obsessed with anticipating one's actions. In His directives, He refers to three fundamental evils that man should abhor: attachment, ego and desires.

The Bhagavad Gita explains how a devotee can please God by carrying out the ordained duties and casting aside all desires for the fruits of his actions.

— In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Monsters turn out to be 60,000 bees

Raleigh: When a three-year-old girl from Charlotte, North Carolina, started complaining to her parents about monsters in the walls of her room, they thought she was imagining things, but there really was something in the walls.

Little Saylor Class had recently watched DreamWorks' 'Monster Inc' animated movie when she started talking to her parents about monsters in the walls, so they didn't really take her seriously. But when her complaints got stronger over the following months her parents started taking her more seriously and her mother Massis noticed bees swarming near the attic and chimney of their old farmhouse. Massis Class thought her daughter could hear the bees buzzing through the ceiling, but things were even worse than that.

As honeybees cannot be harmed under US law, a beekeeper was called to have their hive removed. The beekeeper told the Class family that he had never seen a beehive go so far down into a wall. By the end of the special operation, between 55,000 and 65,000 bees were removed, along with 45kg of honeycomb.

'Milipede River' spotted in Taiwan

Taipei: A slow-moving river of millipedes crawling on the ground in unison was recently spotted in a mountainous area of Taiwan and the video of it is enough to make skin crawl.

While accompanying a group of seven tourists through an area west of Dalu Forest Road, Yang Xiaozhong, a tour guide noticed that the path seemed to be covered with fallen leaves. But he realised that the foliage was actually moving. On closer inspection, the leaves turned out to be millipedes, thousands of them moving in the same direction, like a living river.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Symptoms of stress urinary incontinence are urinary leak when we are coughing, laughing and lifting some weights.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P – Consultant – Urology Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Out of syllabus CET Q papers

KAMS alleges hand of coaching centres

Bengaluru, May 6 (KMS&DM)-Even as a row has broken out over the CET-2024 question paper, with students and parents contending that about 25 percent of the questions were out of syllabus, the KAMS (Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka) has claimed that coaching centres have played a role in the setting of CET question papers.

In a letter to Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, the KAMS alleged that several coaching centres, after colluding with Education Department staff, have interfered in the setting of CET-2024 question papers, which caused confusion and dismay among the students.

As such, the KAMS demands stringent action against officials and staff who were allegedly in collusion with coaching centres in the setting of question papers, the letter stated.

WATER LEVEL

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Last year's level **85.36 feet**	Last year's level **2,250.75 feet**	Last year's level **2,820.09 feet**
Yesterday's level **80.55 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,258.83 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,823.99 feet**
Today's Inflow **117 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **47 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **231 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **885 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **400 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Octopuses vary greatly in size. The smallest are only about 2 inches (5 cms) long. The largest may be 18 feet (5.5 metres) long and have a 30-foot (9-metre) arm span.*
- *Octopuses swim backwards by blasting water through a muscular tube on their body called a "siphon" and can reach speeds of up to 40 km/h for short bursts.*
- *Octopuses can also crawl along the ocean floor, poking their arms into small openings in search of food.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Give me three reasons why the world is round?*
John: *Well, my daddy says so, my mummy says so and you also say so !?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.46
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.73
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.72
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.84

VOICE OF THE READER

Misleading Title: A Clarification

Sir,

Apropos the news item titled ***'Middle-East War Explained: Israel-Iran war will lead to Third World War'*** in *SOM* dated May 5, which purports to be a report of my talk delivered at Mysore Open Forum yesterday, I must take exception to the misleading title of that news item.

Nowhere in my talk did I use the words 'Third World War' and in fact I was emphatic in saying that there would be No War between Israel and Iran. Israel is only using its attacks on Iranian Mission in Damascus and subsequent attack in Isfahan as pressure points on President Biden so that he relents on Netanyahu's planned attack on the Rafah refugee camp in Palestine as the lesser evil of the two options.

Rest of the coverage is a true and accurate presentation of my talk. Here, I must place on record my deep gratitude to your newspaper for the extraordinary coverage it has given to my talk.

—Ravi Joshi

Mysuru
6.5.2024

NOTE: *We regret the inadvertently given headline.* — **Ed**

Polls for six Legislative Council seats on June 3

- Poll notification issuance: May 9
- Last date to file papers: May 16
- Scrutiny of nominations : May 17
- Last date for withdrawal: May 20
- Counting of votes: June 6

Bengaluru, May 6 (KMS&DM)- Coming soon after the Lok Sabha-2024 polls, the biennial election to six Legislative Council seats in Karnataka will take place on June 3 as the term of the sitting members is set to end on June 21.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on May 2 announced the poll schedule for three Graduates and three Teachers Constituencies, totalling six Constituencies.

The Constituencies which will go to the polls on June 3 are — Karnataka North-East Graduates (retirement of Dr. Chandrashekar Patil), Karnataka South-West Graduates (retirement of Ayanur Manjunath), Bangalore Graduates (retirement of A. Devegowda), Karnataka South-East Teachers (retirement of Dr. Y.A. Narayanaswamy), Karnataka South-West Teachers (retirement of S.L. Bhojegowda) and Karnataka South Teachers (retirement of Marithibbegowda).

Following the announcement of poll schedule, the Model Code of Conduct concerning the said election has come into force with immediate effect in the six Constituencies.

The poll notification for all the 6 Legislative Council seats will be issued on May 9 and the last date for filing of nomination papers is May 16. The scrutiny of nominations will take place on May 17 and the last date for withdrawal of candidatures is May 20.

Voting will take place on June 3 (8 am to 4 pm) in all the six Constituencies and the counting of votes will be taken up on June 6. The election process will be completed on June 12, according to the ECI notification.

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Obituary

R.T. Ravindranath

Mysuru, May 6 - R.T. Ravindranath (62), retired Sergeant and a resident of Tapovan Terraces in Vishweshwaranagar, passed away following brief illness on May 2 in city.

He leaves behind his wife R.S. Shobha, daughter Rashmi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Lalithadripura on Saturday after officials of Air Force Selection Board (AFSB-No.2) paid their last respects, according to family sources.

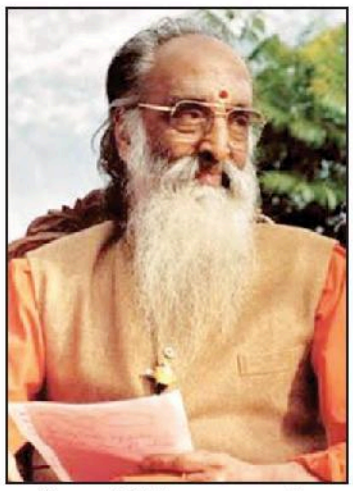
Swami Chinmayananda Saraswathi Jayanti celebrations

Understanding Bhagavad Gita is of utmost importance: Swami Mahamedhanandaji

Swami Mahamedhanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 108th Jayanti Mahotsava of Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda Saraswathi at Chinmaya Mission premises at Gokulam in city yesterday evening. Also seen are *(from left)* ***Chinmaya Mission Mysuru Branch Acharya Swamini Kashikanandaji, Chinmaya Mission Mysuru Branch President H.K. Ashok Kumar and*** *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra* ***Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy.***

Mysuru, May 6 (PM&VNS)- Bhagavad Gita should not be restricted only to puja rooms, instead it should be read and understood thoroughly as preached by Swami Chinmayananda Saraswathi, said Swami Mahamedhanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru.

Speaking after inaugurating the 108th Jayanti Mahotsava of Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda Saraswathi organised at 'Sri Gurudeva Datta Sannidhi' of Chinmaya Mission at Gokulam 3rd Stage here yesterday, Swami Mahamedhanandaji said merely offering puja to Bhagavad Gita does not help a person in his life. Which is why Swami Chinmayananda asked the devotees to study Bhagavad Gita and understand the preachings therein to benefit in one's life. "Mere reading of scripture will have no value until it is studied and understood," he said.



Swami Chinmayananda Saraswathi

Earlier, speaking on the occasion, Chinmaya Mission Mysuru Branch Acharya Swamini Kashikanandaji said that one could find Gurus like Swami Chinmayananda only through the good *karmas* of past lives. "If one needs to live in solace it is important to find such Gurus," she said.

Stating that Swami Chinmayananda wanted to spread the message of Bhagavad Gita to everyone, Swamini Kashikanandaji said Swami Chinmayananda continued to spread the message and happiness for a period of 43 long years despite facing several obstacles.

Star of Mysore and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy was the chief guest on the occasion.

Chinmaya Mission had also organised a rendition of bhajans on Swami Chinmayananda. Later, special pujas were held to Swamiji's 'paduka' followed by arathi.

Chinmaya Mission Mysuru Branch President H.K. Ashok Kumar, Chinmaya Mission Mysuru Branch former President A.G. Krishnamurthy, Vice-President K.S.N. Prasad, Joint Secretary Hariprasad, Committee Members Rajesh Sachdev, C.A. Ranganath and Prof. (retd.) Sudha Prasad were present.

Expo marks World Cartoonists Day

Cartoonist and Full Brighter M.V. Nagendra Babu (Banter Babu) is seen explaining about one of his cartoons on display at the Cartoons Exhibition organised at Mysore Art Gallery premises on Ramanuja Road in city yesterday as part of World Cartoonists Day by Karnataka Cartoonists Association, Bangalore Press Club and Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat. Others seen are *(from right)* ***Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar, Pramati Educational Institution Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Art Patron Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Mysore Art Gallery President L. Shivalingappa and Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal. The expo will be open till 5 pm today.***

NEWS BRIEFS

Hostel Admission

JSS Mahavidyapeetha has invited applications from eligible students for admission to KSS (Kyathanahalli Sahukar Sidddalingaiah) Students Hostel located on Vani Vilas Road in city. Students enrolled in classes from 5th standard to degree, can apply. The prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Hostel office or through e-mail: *jssmvphostels@gmail.com* or on WhatsApp. [Mob: 96207-33894 or Mob: 93537-24334]

Ph.D awardee

M.C. Shashikumar has been awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), for his thesis 'Awareness and Utilisation of Social Media by the Library Professionals in Universities in Karnataka: A Study.' [Guide: Dr. M. Chandrashekara]

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TODAY'S MATCH (MAY 6)

MI Vs **SRH**
Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai — **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (MAY 7)

DC Vs **RR**
Arun Jaitley Stadium, New Delhi — **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Sex Scandal

H.D. Revanna in Police custody; calls arrest 'political conspiracy'

H.D. Revanna

Bengaluru, May 6 (Agencies)- H.D. Revanna, Karnataka's Holenarasipura MLA and the son of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, on Sunday, termed his arrest by the Karnataka Police in an alleged kidnapping case an outcome of a 'political conspiracy.' He was sent to Special Investigation Team (SIT) custody till May 8.

Revanna is accused of kidnapping and illegally confining a woman whom his son Prajwal Revanna is alleged to have sexually abused. The former Minister also claimed that there was no evidence of his involvement in the kidnapping case based on the complaint against him registered on May 2.

"There is no evidence about the May 2 complaint. It's a big political conspiracy. A conspiracy was hatched against me," Revanna told reporters in Bengaluru. Revanna was arrested by Karnataka Police from Deve Gowda's residence on Saturday.

According to the kidnapping complaint lodged with the K.R. Nagar Police against Revanna, the victim's 20-year-old son claimed that Revanna's associate, Sathish Babanna, had whisked his mother away on a motorcycle on April 29. The son alleged that Babanna indicated that the MLA wished to meet her.

The complainant also told Police that Babanna threatened him that if his mother "opened her mouth," she and her family members would be arrested.

Later, the boy learnt from a friend and relative that his mother was one of the women featured in the collection of videos circulating publicly. The video allegedly showed his mother being tied up and raped by Prajwal.

Many victims from Hassan leave their homes out of fear

Bengaluru, May 6 (Agencies)- Reports from Hassan indicate that numerous victims of the alleged sexual assaults by JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna have fled their homes out of fear.

The situation intensified following the arrest of Prajwal's father, H.D. Revanna, in connection with the abduction of a woman who was reportedly prevented from approaching the SIT responsible for investigating the allegations.

Residents in the district are reportedly apprehensive about speaking out against the influential family, fearing potential repercussions.

The first complaint against Prajwal was lodged on Apr. 28 by a woman who worked as a house help at Revanna's residence. Since then, multiple families have purportedly left the area due to concerns for their safety.

The distressing situation has deeply affected many women associated with the JD(S), with reports of them removing social media photos with Prajwal and facing scrutiny from their families. The release of video clips exposing the women's identities has exacerbated the situation, prompting more families to flee the district, according to the report.

Won't spare Prajwal Revanna even if he wins polls: R. Ashoka

Congress Government to provide financial aid to victims, announces Randeep Singh Surjewala

R. Ashoka

Bengaluru, May 6 (Agencies)- Leader of the Opposition and BJP leader R. Ashoka stated on Sunday that should the suspended JD(S) leader Prajwal Revanna emerge victorious in the election from the Hassan Constituency, action will be taken against him.

During a press conference in Bengaluru yesterday, Ashoka addressed H.D. Revanna's arrest in the woman kidnapping case, expressing approval of the decision to apprehend the former Minister.

"I commend the efforts of the Police. Stringent action should be taken against Revanna," he asserted. "Even if Prajwal emerges victorious, we will not hesitate to take strict measures. Prajwal Revanna's victory is not achieved yet as results will come on June 4. Should Prajwal succeed, it will be up to his party leaders to respond," Ashoka elaborated.

Ashoka criticised Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for allowing Prajwal to "evade accountability." "We have long advocated for action against H.D. Revanna and Prajwal. The Government's response has been delayed. Why did Siddaramaiah support Prajwal in Hassan throughout these five years?" he questioned.

Following the 2018 Karnataka Assembly elections, the Congress and the JD(S) formed an alliance, which they extended to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. In the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, the JD(S) is an ally of the BJP within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Karnataka.

Ashoka affirmed that Revanna's arrest would not tarnish the BJP's image, as the former Karnataka Minister contested under a JD(S) symbol.

Financial help

The Congress Government has pledged financial assistance to individuals allegedly sexually assaulted by Prajwal Revanna.

Congress General Secretary and Karnataka party in-charge, Randeep Singh Surjewala, made this announcement during a press conference alongside Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Belagavi yesterday.

Surjewala highlighted that former Congress President Rahul Gandhi had called for appropriate action against the accused.

"CM Siddaramaiah has announced financial aid for the rape victims, numbering in the hundreds, in what is an unprecedented case in the last 75 years," Surjewala stated.

Punish all those spreading sexual assault videos: Harshika Poonacha

Bengaluru, May 6 (Agencies)- Kannada actress Harshika Poonacha has strongly criticised those circulating sexual assault videos involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna.

The actress has claimed that she got a glimpse of one of the 2,976 videos in circulation and said that "it was really painful to watch" those clips. "If the videos are legitimate and real, whoever has created such dirty acts should certainly be taken into account according to the law of the land," she said in a post on X.

She expressed deep sympathy for the countless women depicted in the videos, stating they appear to be from ordinary, respectable families. She condemned the exploitation of these victims' faces for political purposes.

However, she expressed anger towards individuals spreading the videos on platforms like WhatsApp and social media, particularly criticising their failure to blur the victims' faces. She highlighted the long-lasting consequences for these women and their families, emphasising the mental trauma they are likely experiencing.

Harshika Poonacha

"The least these people could have done is to have blurred out the faces. How will they face the society in future? From what angle are people going to see them from now on? What about their family and children? Imagine the kind of mental trauma they might be going through now," she asked.

Demanding strict punishment for those responsible for disseminating the videos, Harshika Poonacha reiterated that they should face consequences equivalent to those who committed the crimes.

She reaffirmed her commitment to advocating for women's respect, safety and equality, expressing solidarity with the affected families and calling for strength and courage in facing this ordeal.

Preparing for Centenary Celebrations

Rs. 89 crore development works at MMC&RI by July

Mysuru, May 6 (RK&DM)- With the prestigious Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) set to mark its Centenary in the last week of September this year, developmental works totalling Rs. 89 crore are progressing rapidly and are expected to conclude by July.

Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean and Director of MMC&RI, revealed plans for a three-day centenary celebration from Sept. 21 to Sept. 28. In anticipation of these festivities, extensive renovation and modernisation efforts are underway across the Institute's historic structures, including the men's hostel, K.R. and Cheluvamba Hospitals within the K.R. Hospital premises, and the PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road. The previous BJP Government allocated Rs. 89 crore for these modernisation and renovation endeavours. Following this, the Medical Education Department in Bengaluru initiated a centralised tender process, resulting in the issuance of a work order to the successful bidder, informed Dr. Dakshayani.

14 renovation projects

A comprehensive range of 14 renovation projects has been initiated, encompassing the restoration of heritage structures within the Institute and various other buildings. These include the men's hostel, Out-Patient department of K.R. Hospital, Eye Hospital, Emergency Treatment Unit, Medical Superintendent's Chamber, RMO Office, Surgical Block, Stone Building, Paediatric OPD block of Cheluvamba Hospital, OBG Block, and the PKTB Sanatorium building on KRS Road.

Progress has been substantial, with renovation works nearing completion for the Eye Hospital building, K.R. Hospital OPD Block, Paediatric Block, and the men's hostel. To ensure the timely completion of all 14 projects, the contractor has been urged to expedite efforts, with a targeted completion date set for the end of July. In facilitating these renovations, the affected buildings have been methodically vacated one by one. To ensure continuity of services, most K.R. Hospital functions have been temporarily relocated to the Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre at the premises of PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road.

Logo launched

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has officially launched the Centenary Celebrations logo, marking the beginning of a series of commemorative activities. Among these activities are expos, preparation of tableaux, lecture series hosted by the MMC&RI Alumni Association, and health awareness programmes tailored for school students, highlighted Dr. Dakshayani.

Extensive safety measures have been implemented, including the installation of fire safety equipment and the establishment of proper underground drainage systems and landscaping initiatives. Dr. Dakshayini expressed confidence that all ongoing works will be completed by the end of July. Acknowledging the dedicated efforts of both teaching and non-teaching staff towards ensuring the success of the Centenary celebrations, Dr. Dakshayini emphasised the invaluable support received from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, several Cabinet colleagues, legislators, and leaders of various associations and organisations.

Mysuru city's burning issue

Poor maintenance plagues Muktidhama

Mysuru, May 6 (BLU&VNS) - Crematoriums, often referred to as Muktidhamas, are considered sacred spaces for performing the last rites where the loved ones of the dead person bid the final farewell. However, when neglected, these places can become harrowing experiences for grieving families.

One such crematorium facing neglect is the 'Hi-Tech Crematorium - Muktidhama' situated in Vijayanagar 4th Stage. Spanning 5.10 acres, this facility was developed by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and handed over to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for operation and maintenance in 2016.

Sadly, despite being dedicated to public use just eight years ago, the crematorium is now in dire need of basic facilities and upliftment.

This Muktidhama boasts two electric, one gas, and six firewood burning places, along with 100-foot tall chimneys designed to prevent smoke from the cremation process from polluting the atmosphere. However, despite its modern amenities, the hi-tech Muktidhama has become a source of distress for visitors bidding farewell to their loved ones.

Visitors are often compelled to cover their noses due to the unbearable stench permeating the premises. Despite having a large overhead tank capable of supplying water to an entire locality, visitors are denied access to water for cleansing after performing the last rites.

Furthermore, the individual responsible for operating the crematorium for the past seven years has allegedly neglected to utilise the gas crematorium, citing expenses for cylinder refills.

There are also reports of visitors being coerced into paying for last rites services that are supposed to be provided free of charge. In their grief, visitors reluctantly pay up, only to be further dismayed by the lack of access to drinking water and clean restroom facilities. Many lament that the conditions at the crematorium are worse than those of hell.

'Will take action'

I have been informed about the concerns regarding Muktidhama in Vijayanagar. The officials concerned will be dispatched for an inspection, and appropriate action will be taken based on their report.

— Dr. N.N. Madhu, Commr., Mysuru City Corporation

In addition, the lack of security at the crematorium has turned Muktidhama into a hotspot for alcoholics and unethical activities, particularly during the night hours.

Muktidhama's neglect extends further as the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited disconnected its electricity supply recently due to an outstanding debt of Rs. 4.5 lakh. However, the supply was restored on humanitarian grounds following requests from residents. The officials at the MCC appear to have overlooked these pressing issues. Despite hefty payments made to the contractor for maintenance, proper facilities at Muktidhama remain absent. It begs the question: Will the MCC finally take action so that the departed can find peace in their final journey?

Friday's rain, but no clean-up by Monday

Fallen trees, debris pose hazards for pedestrians, motorists on many streets

Huge branches of a tree still lying across Rama Vilas Road this morning. Picture right shows workers loading chopped tree trunks and branches in a park opposite to Zilla Panchayat Office this morning.

Mysuru, May 6 (RK&KS)- Despite three days having passed since gusty winds and heavy rains caused significant damage, the authorities from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the Forest Department have yet to address the aftermath.

Fallen trees and branches remain uncleared, and damaged electric poles have yet to be replaced in certain parts of the city, leading to considerable inconvenience for the public.

The effort to clear the debris, which was not initiated on Saturday and Sunday, has unfortunately not been undertaken today either. As a result, fallen trees and branches continue to obstruct roads and sidewalks, posing risks to pedestrians and motorists alike.

Numerous thoroughfares, including the stretch from Dasappa Circle to Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle), Sita Vilas Road, Rama Vilas Road, Krishna Vilas Road, and Hunsur Road, are still littered with debris. This situation is compelling pedestrians to navigate through busy thoroughfares, jeopardising their safety.

Friday evening's heavy rains, coupled with gusty winds, wreaked havoc across the city, toppling numerous trees and electric poles and resulting in snapped power lines.

The affected areas include Sayyaji Rao Road, JLB Road, KRS Road, Temple Road, Hunsur Road, Jaganmohan Palace vicinity, Narayana Shastri Road, Bogadi Road, Chamaraja Double Road, MG Road, Lalitha Mahal Road, Shivaji Road, Vishwamanava Double Road, as well as various locations in Kuvempunagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Gokulam, Brindavan Extension, Yadavagiri, and others.

Only CESC is active

While the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) officials swiftly initiated efforts to replace damaged poles and restore power, progress in clearing fallen trees and debris by MCC and the Forest Department remains sluggish.

The situation is compounded by the presence of dangling branches posing hazards to motorists and pedestrians, raising concerns of potential injuries or fatalities. With tree branches obstructing many footpaths, pedestrians are compelled to traverse busy roads, further endangering their safety.

Additionally, numerous trees have been uprooted in city parks, causing inconvenience to morning and evening walkers.

Yesterday, no repair works were undertaken, with efforts focused solely on clearing trees and branches obstructing heavily trafficked roads to facilitate smooth traffic flow. However, snapped power lines, telephone cables, and internet cables remain uncleared.

While CESC officials have succeeded in restoring power supply, they are currently engaged in repairing and replacing damaged transformers.

CESC has incurred a significant loss of Rs. 80 lakh due to the adverse weather conditions. A total of 200 electric poles within Mysuru city limits and 409 poles in rural areas were damaged.

CESC has promptly initiated repair works and already replaced damaged poles in certain areas. Anticipating such incidents during monsoon, CESC had proactively stocked new poles and commenced replacement efforts early Saturday morning, continuing their restoration efforts until late evening.

Efforts on to mitigate risk

Branches obstructing main roads, impeding traffic flow, have been promptly cleared and relocated to roadsides. Priority was given to clearing fallen trees and branches from major thoroughfares, ensuring smoother passage for commuters. Currently, efforts are underway to clear branches deposited along roadsides and footpaths. Instructions have been issued to officials of the MCC Horticulture Division to address the hazard posed by dangling branches, with ongoing efforts to mitigate this risk.

— Dr. N.N. Madhu, MCC Commissioner

IMD predicts heavy rainfall

Bengaluru, May 6 (Agencies)- The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts heavy rainfall across several districts in the southern hinterland, expected to span two days from May 8.

Areas including Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Chamarajanagar, Chikkaballapur, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Kodagu, Kolar, Mandya, Mysuru, Ramanagara, and Tumakuru are bracing for significant precipitation. Meanwhile, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, and Uttara Kannada districts anticipate normal rainfall on May 9 and 10.

While the rainfall brings relief from severe heat waves in some areas, temperatures continue to soar in parts of North Karnataka.

Raichur recorded a scorching 46.4 degrees Celsius, closely followed by Kalaburagi at 45.8 degrees Celsius on Friday. Other districts experiencing high temperatures include Yadgir (44.9°C), Ballari (44.8°C), Vijayapura (44.7°C), Koppal (43.9°C), Gadag (43.4°C), Bagalkot (43.5°C), Belagavi (43.1°C), Bidar (43°C), Mandya (43°C), Ramanagara (42.6°C), Dharwad (42.2°C), Chitradurga (42°C), Kolar (42°C), Haveri (41.9°C), Tumakuru (41.8°C), Davanagere (41.3°C), Chikkaballapur (41.9°C), Bengaluru Rural (41.3°C), w (40.1°C), and Bengaluru Urban (40.9°C).

Despite the anticipated rainfall, the IMD warns of persistently high temperatures in several districts in the State.

Intl. Leopard Day celebrated

Leopard Task Force creates awareness on man-leopard conflict in T. Narasipur

T. Narasipur, May 6 (MTY& TRR)- To commemorate International Leopard Day (May 3), the recently formed Leopard Task Force (LTF) created awareness about the man-leopard conflict at villages in T. Narasipur and surrounding areas, by distributing handbills.

Since three people were killed by leopards in the one last year due to man-animal conflict in T. Narasipur taluk, officials of Mysuru Division Forest Department and members of LTF visited T. Narasipur town and surrounding villages on Friday which also happens to be International Leopard Day and distributed pamphlets to create awareness about man-leopard conflict and to ease their tension about leopard menace in the region.

Speaking at a function organised at the foot of Ukkalgere Mallikarjunaswamy Hills, Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) Dr. K.N. Basavaraj said that leopard is a shy animal and runs away at the sight of humans. Except certain specific circumstances, there is history of them attacking humans. Leopard cubs are found in sugarcane fields during harvest season and to protect them leopards might scare away people. The Department has formed a Task Force to immediately respond to the complaints about such leopard menace, he said.

"People need not become too anxious about leopard menace. They should immediately inform the Forest Department about any issues regarding leopard movements," added the DCF and assured that the Forest Department will always be ready do everything to protect the people from leopard menace.

Formation of Ward Committees in Mysuru city

MGP resolves to meet MCC Commissioner

Mysuru, May 6 (SPN&DM)- The Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has resolved to urge the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner to establish Ward Committees in 10 Wards, consisting of local residents, as a pilot initiative.

This decision was reached at the monthly general meeting of the MGP, held at their office on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri on Sunday.

Addressing the gathering, Manjunath from Bengaluru-based NGO 'Janagraha' expressed disappointment over the lack of progress in forming Ward Committees across City Corporations in the State, despite repeated appeals to the Commissioners.

He highlighted that similar requests had been made to various City Corporations, including Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), MCC, Ballari, Hubballi-Dharwad and Mangaluru, but officials have allegedly disregarded these pleas.

Manjunath lamented that despite several years of requesting MCC Commissioners to establish Ward Committees in at least 10 Wards on a trial basis, their appeals have been ignored.

The establishment of Ward Committees is expected to play a pivotal role in curbing corruption in the allocation and execution of contracts. Moreover, these Committees will enable citizens to collaborate with their Corporators to address grievances related to essential services such as water supply, sewage management, road maintenance, park upkeep, electricity, property taxes and completion reports for houses, among others.

Shwetha of 'Janagraha' underscored the benefits of establishing Ward Committees. Emphasising that these Committees would enable officials and staff to respond promptly and effectively to local issues, she highlighted the potential advantages in neighbourhoods like Kuvempunagar, Gokulam, Ramakrishnanagar, Bogadi Second Stage, Saraswathipuram and Jayalakshmipuram.

Shwetha stressed the importance of ensuring that Committee members are actively involved in social and public endeavours.

Bhamy V. Shenoy, the Founding-Member of MGP, emphasised that the formation of Ward Committees comprising residents would facilitate a greater focus on cleanliness, hygiene, infrastructure development and other developmental projects.

He believed that such Committees would empower officials to make informed decisions for the comprehensive and integrated development of Mysuru city.

Given that the MCC Commissioner holds the responsibility and authority to execute such recommendations, there should be no obstacles. Moreover, similar Ward Committees were established previously under the tenure of Manivannan as the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Acting MCC Commissioner, he added.

Addressing the gathering, historian Prof. Rangaraju expressed concern over Mysuru's current rank of 27th in the national Swachhata rankings, warning that without intervention, the city may plummet further.

He urged the MGP to advocate for the establishment of Ward Committees and the maintenance of cleanliness, stressing the urgency of the matter.

Ten activists from various Wards of the city have volunteered to spearhead the initiative of enrolling 10 members each for their respective wards.

House burgled at Hootagalli

Mysuru, May 6 (SBD&KS)- Burglars, who gained entry into a house by opening the door using a duplicate key, have decamped with household items and cash from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of Vasantha, an accountant at a private company and a resident of KHB Colony in Hootagalli.

On the night of Apr. 30, Vasantha, along with her family members, went on a tour and returned in the early morning of May 5.

When they entered the house, they were shocked to see two UPS, two CPUs, two LPG cylinders, stove, mixer, induction stove, a pair of silver lamps and Rs. 35,000 cash missing.

Based on the complaint from Vasantha, Vijayanagar Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Nalwadi and Sir MV statues ready for inauguration at KRS

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"There has been a delay in the construction of statues due to numerous factors like COVID-19, absence of skilled workers and stone carvers and some alterations made to the original design. We also sought feedback from Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, a member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family, regarding the design and construction of the Mantapas, as well as the statues themselves. Models of the statues were crafted and only after her approval was obtained, the final design was meticulously carved to ensure authenticity," CNNL AEE Abu Farooq stated.

"Valuable inputs and suggestions were provided by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and the artisans and project engineers got access to rare photos to design the statues," he added.

Carved at Jaipur in Rajasthan

The models and the final statues were crafted in Jaipur, Rajasthan. "Initially, we estimated that Nalwadi's statue would weigh three tonnes. However, after finalising the design and

incorporating his royal attire, including robes, coat and crown, the statue's weight increased to 7 tonnes. Sir MV's statue is slightly lighter in weight," he revealed.

Notably, below the ornate Mantapas, two rooms have been built with the same stone with which the Mantapas have been built and the rooms feature an informative display, showcasing photographs and details about the construction of the KRS Dam and the timeline of its development.

Presented in a museum-style format, this display spans a platform measuring 30 feet in width and 30 feet in length. The rooms also feature rare photos of Kannambadi village before the construction of the Dam. The Dam in the local language is still called *Kannambadi Katte*.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Sri B.C. Basavaraj,
Retd. Engineer in Chief
&
Smt B.B. Ambikaraj
With best wishes from your Son
B.B. Ravishankar

Bhagini Ramotsava - Music Festival

Carrying the legacy of artistic excellence

Vid. Sumanth Manjunath and Vidu. Malavi Manjunath presenting a violin duet at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru, yesterday as part of 'Bhagini Ramotsava - Music Festival.' They are accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Roopak Kallurkar on tabla.

City's Bhagini Seva Samaja has organised a week-long music concert series 'Bhagini Ramotsava' at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru.

On the first day of the series on Apr. 5, Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji of Sri Pejawar Mutt graced the occasion with his holy presence and blessed each one of the audience personally with 'phala mantrakshate.'

Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji lighting the lamp to inaugurate 'Bhagini Ramotsava' as Bhagini Seva Samaja President Srinivas, Trustees Vasudev Bhat, K.S. Gururaj and others look on.

The first day of the concert series was in the loving memory of city's well-known, renowned violinist Vid. Mahadevappa. There were two concerts arranged on the day. For both the concerts **Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao** accompanied on mridanga and **Vid. Roopak Kallurkar** on tabla.

The first concert, which lasted for almost an hour, was a violin duet by the kids **Vid. Sumanth Manjunath** and **Vidu. Malavi Manjunath.**

Sumanth and Malavi hail from a family where almost every second member of the family is trained in music. No wonder these kids have taken music seriously, especially when they see the huge success of their father Vid. Manjunath and uncle Vid. Nagaraj in the field. Their grandfather, known for his strict discipline in training and teaching, would surely have ensured that the kids take music seriously, especially when the people at home had created an ambiance filled with Karnatak music to build their interest.

The siblings commenced the concert with 'MahagaNapatim Manasa SmarAmi' by Muthuswami Dikshitar in Nata set to Eka tala and embellished it with brisk swaras. Little Malavi, hardly thirteen years old, surprised the audience with her Kanada ragalapana which led to 'MAmava SadAjanani', a composition of Sri Swati Tirunal.

Sumanth's delicacy of form and rhythmic spontaneity were evident in the kalpana swara structure. In the next composition Sumanth excelled in his brief but good alapana of Bahudari leading onto the popular composition of Tyagaraja 'BrovabArama Raghu RAma' and decorated it with charming and lively swaras.

Sumanth's assuring smiles thrown frequently at his younger sister was appreciative. On request, the kids played 'PAhi mAm sri rAja rAjEshwari' at the end of the concert.

In a very short span of time, Sumanth has shown tremendous improvement in his playing. His constant exposure and concert experience with his father are carrying him to greater heights in the field. Young Malavi has had her maiden performance at The Yathiraja Mutt, Bengaluru, recently. This was her maiden performance in Mysuru with her elder brother.

The brothers Nagaraj and Dr Manjunath have not only made a mark in the traditional concert style but have also worked to broaden audience appeal by creating collaborative projects with world-renowned musicians while retaining the spirit of the art form. Deeply rooted in classical vocabulary, their cheerful mood, right from their opening 'NArAyaNa ninna nAmada smaraNeya' by Purandaradasaru in Shuddha Dhanyasi was enjoyable. Kalyani awoke the rakthi in the raga, producing charm and tranquility. The composition chosen was 'EtAvunnarA' by Tyagaraja, in which Tyagaraja asks Rama where he is located — whether he is located in the embodiments of Mahalakshmi Seeta, Gowri and Saraswati... or in the great elements - earth, water, fire, air and space.. or in the forms of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva..?

The composition with the raga dissertation glowed with pride in the brothers' hands, as they traversed the octaves with dedication and enterprise. The swarakalpana also included ragamalika swaras in Kannada by Nagaraj, Shahana by Manjunath and Shuddha Sarang by both giving space for taniyavartanam.

Having a tabla for a Karnatak concert is rare and unusual. Percussion artistes Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Roopak Kallurkar on tabla not only played the Tani with good karvais but also were very encouraging and supportive to the young violinists throughout.

The flag end pieces were 'Tamboori Meetidava bhavAbdhi dAtidava' by Purandaradasaru in Sindhu Bhairavi and 'Vande Mataram' in Desh.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

'Chanting of Mantras will help end our ignorance'

Mysuru, May 6 (MK&DM)- Sri Ramakrishna Mahasangha Vice-President Swami Bhajanandaji said that chanting of Mantras will help in ending ignorance amongst us and also help in acquiring spiritual knowledge and experiencing spiritualism.

He was delivering a special talk on 'Mantra Shakti' organised at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram on KRS Road here on Sunday.

Pointing out that there is a lot of difference between the words that we commonly use and Mantras, Swami Bhajanandaji said that we have to question ourselves about why we should often chant Mantras and what are the results that we get by chanting Mantras.

"The words, language and phrases that we generally use will help in communicating with others. Teachers are a classic example for this as their knowledge will disseminate to students as they teach. But there is a lot of difference in the strength of words and the strength of Mantras. Mantras have the communicative power to reach the God that we pray," he said.

Continuing, he said: "Patanjali Maharshi, in his Yogasutra narrative, has said that reaching out to our favourite God is possible by chanting Mantras. Having Darshan does not mean that we see God who stands literally before us. God can only be seen and experienced only in our inner self." This is the communicative and expressive power of Mantras, he added.

Swami Bhajanandaji

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Mysuru President Swami Muktidanandaji, in his address, said that we should understand the hidden strength of our Shastras and Mantras and chant them daily and thus enhance the spiritualism among us.

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Sadhus and devotees were present on the occasion.

Jam-packed audience at the special talk on 'Mantra Shakti' by Sri Ramakrishna Mahasangha Vice-President Swami Bhajanandaji organised at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram on KRS Road in city on Sunday.

'Suvarnasree' award conferred on Badari Divya Bhushan & sons

Internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam Artiste, Guru Badari Divya Bhushan and his sons-cum-disciples, Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan & Abhignan Vedant Bhushan, were conferred 'Suvarnasree' award at Suvarna Kala Utsava organised by Laya Abhinaya Performing Arts Centre, Bengaluru, at Jaganmohan Palace in Mysuru recently. Bhushan Brothers also performed at the event. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Desikendra Swamiji, Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Dr. Sheela Sridhar, Kannan Ramanujam and Mahalakshmi presented the awards.

Kodagu's first flyover opens for public use

Now, travelling to holy places Talacauvery and Bhagamandala becomes hassle-free

Madikeri, May 5 (PS&VNS) - In what is considered a significant relief for travellers and residents, commuting to holy places like Talacauvery and Bhagamandala will now be hassle-free as the authorities have opened the Bhagamandala flyover — Kodagu's first flyover project — for public use.

The State Government had allocated Rs. 28 crore for the project, which was executed by Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL). With the completion of the flyover, villagers surrounding Bhagamandala and Talacauvery can now travel with ease, even during heavy rainfall, without fearing floods. However, there has been no official inauguration due to the Model Code of Conduct, which remains in effect until June 4.

NO FEAR OF FLOODS

During the rainy season, Brahmagiri Hills, Talacauvery, Korangala, Cherangala, Bhagamandala and surrounding areas experience heavy rainfall, leading to an overflow of water at Triveni Sangama, the confluence of the Cauvery, Kannike and Sujyothi rivers.

This overflow often disrupts vehicular movement on Madikeri-Bhagamandala-Talacauvery and Bhagamandala-Ayyangeri-Napoklu roads. Additionally, heavy rains sometimes result in the isolation of Bhagamandala, effectively turning the town into an island for many days.

The flooded roads render them impassable for vehicles, causing significant inconvenience for residents who struggle to access essential items and groceries. School children are unable to attend classes due to the flooded roads, exacerbating the situation. The completion of the flyover has alleviated these challenges, bringing much-needed relief to the residents of Bhagamandala and surrounding areas.

880 METRES-LONG FLYOVER

The newly-constructed flyover serves as a vital link between the Bhagamandala entrance gate and Talacauvery road, providing connectivity to Napoklu as well. Spanning 880 metres in length, it comprises 36 pillars and includes a 200-metre connecting road with underground drainage (UGD) facilities.

Designed to accommodate vehicles weighing over 60 tonnes, the authorities have set a speed limit of 40 kmph. Streetlights have been installed along with rainwater drainage pipelines and the painting works have been completed.

CAUSES FOR DELAY

Despite receiving approval from the Siddaramaiah-led Government in 2018, the project faced delays due to challenges such as land acquisition, relocation of electric poles and tree removal by the Forest Department. The floods and COVID-19 lockdown further contributed to the sluggish progress of the project.

The flyover construction has been finished ahead of this rainy season. Vehicles of various types and sizes can now traverse the flyover smoothly, ensuring a hassle-free journey for those heading towards Bhagamandala-Talacauvery and Bhagamandala-Napoklu, said Harinarayana, Flyover Project Director.

WORD OF THE DAY

Cohesive

Pronunciation: koh-HEE-siv.
Meaning: Something described as cohesive sticks together and forms something closely united. The word is usually used with abstract terms in phrases like "a cohesive social unit" or "a cohesive look/aesthetic." Cohesive can also be used to describe something, such as the design of a room or the plot of a movie, that is coherent — in other words, logically or consistently ordered.
Origin: The Latin verb haerēre has shown remarkable stick-to-itiveness in influencing the English lexicon, which is fitting for a word that means "to be closely attached; to stick." Among its descendants are adhere (literally meaning "to stick"), adhere's relative adhesive (a word for sticky substances), inhere (meaning "to belong by nature or habit"), and even hesitate (which implies remaining stuck in place before taking action). In Latin, haerēre teamed up with the prefix co- to form cohaerēre, which means "to stick together." Cohaerēre is the ancestor of cohesive, a word borrowed into English in the early 18th century to describe something that sticks together literally (such as dough or mud) or figuratively (such as a society or sports team).
Example: "The collection showcases a harmonious blend of modern aesthetics and classic craftsmanship, allowing customers to create cohesive outdoor environments that enhance the beauty of their surroundings." — Business Insider, 16 Mar. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Calathus

Fruit basket carried on the head.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Comfort food

Meaning: 'Comfort food' is food that gives emotional comfort and provides a nostalgic or sentimental feeling to the person eating it. It's usually prepared in a traditional way and reminds the person of her childhood, home, family and friends.
Origin: The first known use of the term was in the 1966 May edition of the New York Times, in a book by Theodore Isaac Rubin, 'The thin book by a formerly fat Psychiatrist': "Think thin... lose weight... learn about ammunition foods, comfort foods, and emergency foods."
Example: Jessie –"Every time I get upset, I ask my husband to make me a big bowl of Grandma's delicious creamy Mac & cheese and imagine myself sitting in her kitchen, with not a worry in the world." Emma –"Wow, that sounds like the perfect comfort food. The only thing my Grandmother could make was Apfelstrudel, and I hate apples."

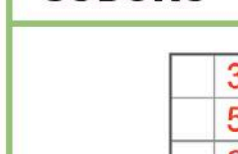
QUOTE BOX

A recipe has no soul. You, as the cook, must bring soul to the recipe."

— Thomas Keller

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: A turn for the better.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Match
5 Boxing results, abbr.
8 Furry dog Lhasa ____
12 Symbol or statue?
13 Actress ___ Peeples
14 Exodus author Leon ___
15 Covetously or hungrily?
17 Follows closely and persistently
18 Cathode Ray Tube
19 East Indian state
21 Cleverly humorous
24 Spy
25 Cry of woe
26 Boyfriend or admirer
27 Equal opportunity employer abbr
30 Torso bone
31 Gather on threads
32 Kidnapped author's monogram
33 Comrade or friend
34 Canned fish
35 Adolescent
36 Day's march
38 Gentle poke
39 "Aw, dine" out for the girl's name
41 Monetary unit of Japan or Bengali surname
42 Seed husks
43 Sampled (5,3)
48 To be ___ : to be brought into this world?
49 Embrace
50 Mystic symbol
51 A river of Scotland
52 Pub, tavern
53 Working (2,2)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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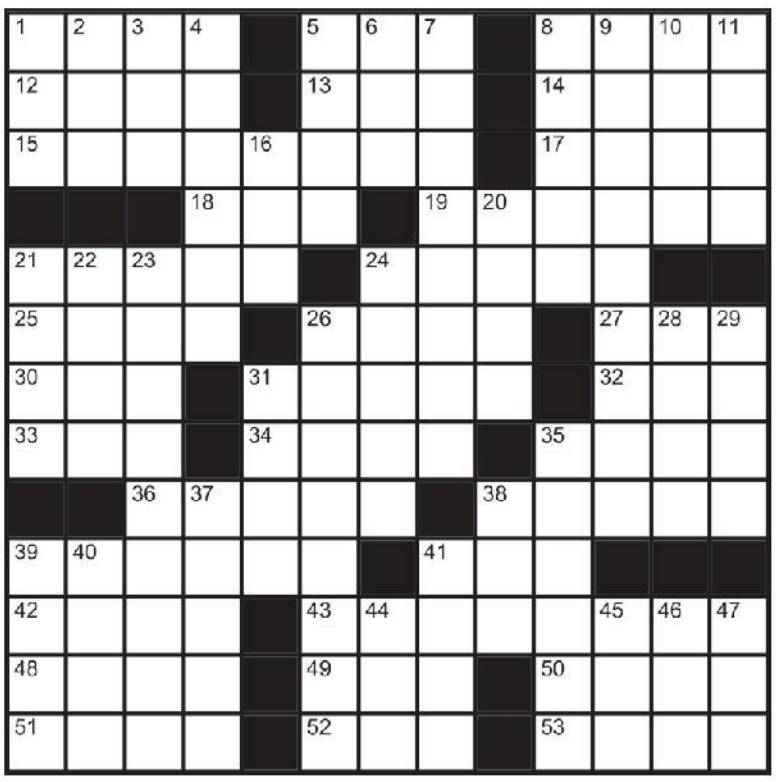
DOWN
1 A light ship's boat
2 Air Data Ref.
3 "The Simpsons" bartender
4 Selects by vote
5 Make a sweater
6 Lubricate
7 Good-bye (Japanese)
8 The sound factor in telecasting
9 Flourished
10 Weary sound
11 Greek peak
16 Lacking moisture
20 Sullen, severe
21 Bend out of shape
22 Romulus kin
23 Dishes, cutlery, etc
24 Fishing net
26 Mahesh ____ : India's tennis star and Leander's friend and partner?
28 Couturier Cassini
29 "Seen" anagram for a slave?
31 Oliver Hardy's partner ___ Laurel
35 Arctic plain
37 Lacking resonance
38 Maiden-name
39 Recedes like the tide
40 At the ___ of a hat : instantly or promptly?
41 Symbol; indication
44 Move fast
45 Away
46 Varsity
47 Vietnamese New Year



SUDOKU

	3			5	8			1
	5							2
	6					7		
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		5	7		4	3		
		6		2			8	
		8					3	
5							7	
9			5	1			6	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	6	4	3	9	5	7	2
7	2	3	8	1	5	4	9	6
9	4	5	7	6	2	8	1	3
2	9	8	5	7	4	6	3	1
3	5	4	1	9	6	7	2	8
1	6	7	2	8	3	9	4	5
5	3	1	6	4	7	2	8	9
6	7	9	3	2	8	1	5	4
4	8	2	9	5	1	3	6	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FVGXLNOP X OXLNTO VGUENVGZ LIG

KNDD TW LIG SGTSDG!

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The best measure of a man's honesty isn't his income tax return. It's the zero adjust on his bathroom scale.

MOVIE LOVERS

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.30 am
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
Ghillie (Ta)	(S-1)	4 pm
The Fall Guy (E)	(S-1)	7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	11.10 am, 4.35 pm
Anjaam Vedham (Ma)	(S-2)	11 am
O2 (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Usire Usire (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
Nadikar (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Kangaroo (K)	(S-3)	11 am
Billa (Ta)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 10.05 pm
Prasannavadhanam (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Sabari (Te)	(S-4)	1.50 pm
Malayalee from India (Ma)	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Aa Okkatti Adakku (Te)	(S-4)	10.15 pm

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Yuva (K)	: 1 pm
Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	: 1.10 pm, 6.45 pm
Matinee (K)	: 1.15 pm
Usire Usire (K)	: 4 pm, 9.15 pm
Kangaroo (K)	: 4.05 pm
Prasanna Vadanam (Te)	: 6.40 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	: 6.55 pm
Anjaam Vedham (Ma)	: 9.30 pm
Kurangu Pedal (Ta)	: 9.30 pm

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The Fall Guy (E)	: 9.35 am, 12.25 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	: 10 am, 4.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	: 11.30 am
Kangaroo (K)	: 12.15 pm
Aa Okkati Adakku (Te)	: 12.50 pm
Nadikar (Ma)	: 1.10 pm, 7.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Godzilla vs. Kong (E)	: 3.05 pm
Malayalee from India (Ma)	: 3.15 pm
Tarot (E)	: 3.45 pm, 9.20 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	: 6 pm
Naach Ga Ghuma (Ma)	: 6.45 pm

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The Fall Guy (E)	: 10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 7.25 pm
Aranmanai 2 (Ta)	: 11.25 am, 6.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	: 2.35 pm
Usire Usire (K)	: 3.10 pm
Prasanna Vadanam (Te)	: 4.20 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	: 10.15 pm

Enters Kalam's World Records for ambidextrous writing skills

Mysuru, May 6- A. Chirasvi Balasubramanian, a 1st standard student of Pramati Hillview Academy, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, has entered into Kalam's World Records for her remarkable ambidextrous writing skills.

Born on Jan. 24, 2018, Chirasvi has created this New World Record dated 18.4.2024 for 100 Ambidextrous English Words written by Young Genius Girl in the least time of 14 minutes and 15 seconds at the age of 6 years and 3 months.

She is the daughter of A.V. Balasubramanian and K.R. Kavitha, residents of Devaraja Mohalla.

She writes comfortably English A-Z capital letters (1m 03s), English Alphabets A-Z small letters (1m 0s), Alphabet of Indian regional language Kannada (1m 0s), Numbers 50-1 in reverse order (1m 26s) and also she drew sketches like Hut, Bird (0m 36s) lotus etc., with both the hands simultaneously. She also writes Kannada words.

A. Chirasvi Balasubramanian

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 6)

- **Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mysuru:** 'Artistry Show - Art in Every Jewel,' an expo-cum-sale of exquisite jewellery, Mysuru Showroom, B.N. Road, near KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Urilingapeddi Mutt, Mysuru:** Tribute to V. Sreenivasa Prasad, Sri Jnanaprakash Swamii graces the occasion, Urilingapeddi Mutt, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Chinnara Mela-2024, Chinnara Natakotsava, staging of play 'Maya Deepa' by Dalimbe troupe (Team-4) and 'Rama Rahima' by Perale troupe (Team-5), Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya (formerly Bhagini Seva Samaja):** Bhagini Ramotsava - Music Festival, vocal concert by Vidu. Kruthi Bhat, accompanied by Vid. Vittal Rangan on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, BSS Vidyodaya premises, next to Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, near Ashoka (Ballal Circle) Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 7)

- **Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mysuru:** 'Artistry Show - Art in Every Jewel,' an expo-cum-sale of exquisite jewellery, Mysuru Showroom, B.N. Road, near KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Valedictory of Chinnara Mela-2024, theatre artiste and film director Shashank Soghal delivers keynote address, Chamarajanagar's Deenabandhu Trust Founder Prof. Jayadeva chief guest, Kannada & Culture Director Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti presides, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **4.30 pm.**
- **Nrityavyapini Kalasamsthe:** Inauguration of Nrityavyapini Kalasamsthe and cultural programme 'Kalasukrutam' by Vidwan R.S. Nandakumar, Vidu. Radhika Nandakumar chief guest, Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya (formerly Bhagini Seva Samaja):** Bhagini Ramotsava - Music Festival, veena recital by Vid. Ramana Balachandran, accompanied by Vid. Anantha R. Krishna on mridanga and Vid. Guruprasanna on kanjira, BSS Vidyodaya premises, next to Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

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Aa Okkati Adakku (Te)	: 11.40 am
Yuva (K)	; 11.55 am, 5.45 pm
The Fall Guy (E)	: 1.55 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	: 2.35 pm, 9 pm
Nadikar (Ma)	: 3.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Malayalee From India (Ma)	: 6.15 pm

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Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	: 11.45 am, 5.50 pm
Trailers Screening Show	: 12.10 pm
Kangaroo (K)	: 12.50 pm
The Fall Guy (E)	: 1.55 pm, 7.45 pm, 9 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	: 2.55 pm
Usire Usire (K)	: 3.40 pm
Prasanna Vadanam (Te)	: 4.40 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	: 6.50 pm
Malayalee From India (Ma)	: 10.10 pm
Nadikar (Ma)	: 10.30 pm

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